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RESPONSE TO CLAIM RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2003, requiring restriction of inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-6, 11-18 and 22-27. The restriction requirement is traversed because it is believed that all of the claims are sufficiently related to each other to be examined in one patent application.

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